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From: Watkins, Earl

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2003 12:25 PM

To: Principals Elementary; Principals, High; Principals, Middle; Principals, Special Programs

Cc: School Board Members; Office Managers - Special Programs; Office Managers Elem.; Office Managers High; Office Managers Middle

Subject: FW: MsPTA Capitol Day 2004

Principals,

Please forward this to your PTSA presidents.

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"In schools genuinely responsive to young adolescents, the teachers and administrators also hold high expectations for themselves and for one another." - This We Believe: Developmentally Responsive Middle Level Schools, NMSA Position Paper

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Dear Superintendents of Schools:

Please share this e-newsletter with leaders of each of your parent and teacher organizations, and with each of your school Principals and School Board.

For 97 years, Mississippi PTA volunteers have worked to provide a statewide forum supporting our public schools, through thick and thin. We are an organization made up of generous and loving Mississippi parents, grandparents and teachers.

One of the most important functions we offer is providing a forum for discussion of current education issues, and to advocate for improving our children's education.

I believe that our most productive activity last year was providing a venue for Governor Musgrove to launch his successful "early, full funding of public schools", which resulted in an historic 62% of our state budget committed to education, K-16. We served lunch to 150 parents, teachers, and legislators at Galloway United Methodist Church, across the street from the Capitol. We had excellent press coverage, carrying his bold message across our state.

We need your help. This is not an election year, so our public officials may not be quite as responsive as they were last year.

We need parent representation (PTA, PPS, and PTOther) from every school district in Mississippi, to hear our new Governor, the Honorable Haley Barbour, launch his education initiative. We need for Governor Barbour, Speaker McCoy, and Lt. Governor Tuck, and all of our elected leaders to know that parents and teachers are paying attention. We need for our parents to be empowered to be effective advocates for our

children and our schools.

Please do your share by sending **delegates from your District** to the **MDE in Jackson on Wednesday, January 7, 2004**. And thank you for your work in behalf of our children.

Sincerely,

Mary Sloan (John's Mama)